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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is aware of the difficulties being faced by the physically and visually challenged kids to score good marks in many subjects;

(b) if so, whether the CBSE has any proposal to provide special training to teachers to check answer scripts of those students;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a); The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has informed that it has already provided certain relaxation and concession to physically challenged students, namely, exemption to appear in third language in the case of dyslexic, blind students and those suffering from speech/hearing defects; physiotherapy exercises in place of physical and health education courses of the Board in class-X and XII; option of studying one compulsory language as against two language in class-X.

Following concessions have also been provided for Board examination:-

(i) Alternative questions in lieu of the questions having visual input are provided in Mathematics, Science and Technology, Social Science, and English communicative paper for class-X level,

(ii) Alternative questions in lieu of questions having visual input are provided in History, Geography and Economics paper for class-XII level,

(iii) Separate question papers in enlarged print for blind candidates are provided in Mathematics,and Science paper at class-X level.

(iv) Blind candidates appearing from Delhi region have been permitted to use typewriters/ computers for writing answers,

(v) Additional time of one hour is granted to physically challenged students for class-X and XII Board Examination,

(vi) Permission is granted to use an amanuensis,

(vii) Answer books are evaluated separately.

(viii) Blind students appearing in Delhi are exempted from paying examination fee.

(ix) Special examination centres are created to facilitate physically challenged children.

Besides the above, affiliated byelaws of CBSE stipulate that every affiliated institution is required to provide facilities like ramps, toilets and auditory signals in elevators.

(b), (c) and (d): CBSE has informed that there is no proposal under its consideration to provide special training to teachers to check answer scripts of physically challenged students. However, teachers are appropriately sensitized to carry out proper evaluation of the answer scripts.